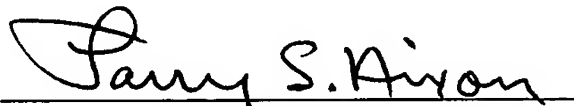


**REMARKS**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, before the first line, please insert as a separate paragraph:

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

4. A device according to ~~any preceding claim~~ 1 comprising an indirect drive ~~means~~arrangement for driving the rotary carrier, the drive ~~means~~arrangement comprising a motor mounted independently of the rotary carrier, and a coupling ~~means~~ for transmitting the drive to the rotary carrier whilst minimising the transmission of any undesirable vibration.

5. A device according to Claim 4 in which the coupling ~~means~~ comprises a resilient coupling ~~means~~ disposed in substantially axial alignment with the rotary carrier.

6. A device according to Claim 4 in which the coupling ~~means~~ comprises a drive belt.

7. A device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ comprising an indirect drive ~~means~~arrangement for driving the rotary carrier, the drive ~~means~~arrangement comprising

a motor mounted independently of the rotary carrier, and a drive belt for transmitting the drive to the rotary carrier.

8. A device according to Claim 2 ~~or Claim 3~~ in which at least one of the air bearings comprises a rotary spindle, and an associated indirect drive meansarrangement is provided for driving the spindle, the drive meansarrangement comprising a motor mounted independently of the respective spindle and coupling ~~means~~ for transmitting the drive to the respective spindle whilst minimising the transmission of any undesirable vibration.

9. A device according to Claim 2 ~~or Claim 3~~ in which at least one of the air bearings comprises a rotary spindle, and associated indirect drive meansarrangement is provided for driving the spindle, the indirect drive meansarrangement comprising a motor mounted independently of the respective spindle and a drive belt for transmitting the drive to the rotary spindle.

10. A device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 which is arranged for writing to and verifying at least one of a hard ~~or floppy~~ magnetic disc, and ~~a~~ CD Rom.

14. A device according to Claim 12 ~~or Claim 13~~ in which the coupling means comprises a resilient coupling means disposed in substantially axial alignment with the rotary carrier.

15. A device according to Claim 12 ~~or 13~~ in which the coupling means comprises a drive belt.

16. A device according to ~~any one of~~ Claims 12 ~~to 15~~ in which at least one of the rotary carrier, the certified head and the write head is carried on an air bearing.

17. A device according to Claim 13 in which the coupling means comprises a resilient coupling means disposed in substantially axial alignment with the rotary carrier for preparation of a media storage disc comprising:

~~a single monolithic support platform, a rotary carrier supported on said platform and arranged for rotation of a media disc on an air bearing system, the carrier being driven by a motor mounted independently of the rotary carrier and arranged to drive the carrier via resilient coupling means; and~~

~~a write head arranged for substantially radial movement relative to said carrier and for servowriting of data to said media disc, the write head being carried on an air bearing system.~~

18. A device according to Claim 13 in which the coupling means comprises a resilient coupling means disposed in substantially axial alignment with the rotary carrier for preparation of a media storage disc comprising:

~~a single monolithic support platform, a rotary carrier supported on said platform and arranged for rotation of a media disc on an air bearing system, the carrier being driven by a motor mounted independently of the rotary carrier and arranged to drive the carrier via a drive belt; and~~

~~a write head arranged for substantially radial movement relative to said carrier and for servowriting of data to said media disc, the write head being carried on an air bearing system.~~

Please add new claims 19-21:

✓ 19. (New) A device according to any one of Claims 13 in which at least one of the rotary carrier, the certified head and the write head is carried on an air bearing.

20. (New) A device for preparation of a media storage disc comprising:  
a single monolithic support platform, a rotary carrier supported on said platform and arranged for rotation of a media disc on an air bearing system, the carrier being driven by a motor mounted independently of the rotary carrier and arranged to drive the carrier via a resilient coupling; and

a write head arranged for substantially radial movement relative to said carrier and for servowriting of data to said media disc, the write head being carried on an air bearing system.

21. (New) A device for preparation of a media storage disc comprising:

a single monolithic support platform, a rotary carrier supported on said platform and arranged for rotation of a media disc on an air bearing system. the carrier being driven by a motor mounted independently of the rotary carrier and arranged to drive the carrier via a drive belt; and

a write head arranged for substantially radial movement relative to said carrier and for servowriting of data to said media disc, the write head being carried on an air bearing system.